

Concern



Cover Photo

The boy with a cart is Gary Taylor, a student at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas. Peggy Nash of Lon Morris takes a long journey in the cart as the mother of the boy. Reason for it all: the two students are part of the cast of the Christopher Fry play *The Boy with a Cart* produced at the National Methodist Student Conference in Lawrence, Kans. For other facts about the play and the conference, read the special News section of **CONCERN** beginning on page 3.

Photo by Jim Nabors

Forum

THAT FORUM AGAIN

Sirs:

I am still in favor of Facts Forum and ask this chance to tell why, not in rebuttal to Roger Burgess' letter (11 December **CONCERN**), but just to give the other side of the question.

I do not believe the questions asked on Facts Forum polls are loaded. They are selected from the mail, and anyone may send in their favorite ones. They are phrased so a yes or no answer may be given. Doak Walker asked this one: "Should U. S. impose a naval blockade against the China coast?" Congressman Regan wanted to know: "Should expenditures by government departments to influence public opinion be made illegal?" Senator Byrd asked "Are known communists more dangerous to U. S. than persons tolerant of them?" These are random samples taken from a period of two years' time.

A glance at any Facts Forum *News* shows an equal amount of space is given to pro and con sides of all questions, and the same amount of time is given each debater on radio and TV shows. Such widely different personalities as Senators Magnuson, Douglas, Smathers and Kefauver; Congressmen Patman and Celler; Governors Gregg of New Hampshire, Talmadge of Georgia, Lee of Utah and Herter of Massachusetts, have given their views on vital issues of the day, pro and con.

I am not connected with Facts Forum in any way except as a participant in a forum group which anyone may do. I don't know Mr. Hunt, whose brain-

child, Facts Forum, is administered by an elected slate of officers, but in my opinion he is a patriotic American doing some real good with his money by attempting to get all Americans to take an interest in their country and their government, as well as the world.

Jimmy Hyles, Tex

ATTITUDE RESENTED

Sirs:

You may cancel my subscription to your little sheet. The sponsors of our youth fail to find it of any value in their work.

Personally I resent the attitude of the editors regarding the Congressional Comm. To date no attempt has been made to determine the number of letters that favored McCarthy's statement. You may consider it proper for members of the U. N. to trade with Red Russia and China. Furnishing them the implements of war to use against our boys. There are more people in America opposed to that idea than the letters sent to the White House indicate.

V. R. Daniels, Ne

CALENDARS CHEAPER

Sirs:

The Brother Lawrence devotion calendar (13 November **CONCERN**) is now available in quantity at half-price or 25 cents each, plus shipping. If any of your readers are interested, have them write Kingwood Community Frenchtown, N. J.

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NEWS

What's happening — like it always does. There was a big conference. People came and enjoyed it, then went home and told others what it was all about. Daily reports showed the difference of this conference: delegates were working harder to explain the theme of the program of the meeting, but it was obvious that the interpreters had caught a deeper spirit than any group of delegates in a long time.

Anyone who has attended a Wesleyan Foundation or Methodist student group for a month can relate the basic facts about the meeting — those who went away with these things for sure: 2200 Methodist students and counselors spent December 28-January 2 at Kansas State University in Lawrence at the Fifth Quadrennial Methodist Student Conference. Theme: Christ Transforming Culture.

KU's huge Hoch auditorium itself is accustomed to transformation—one day an assembly hall, the next a theater, the next the home court of the KU basketball team. For almost a week the building was a Methodist meeting house where representatives of a dynamic student movement paused for inspiration, for deep thinking and self-evaluation.

Most of the conference delegates never knew about one mechanical miracle in Hoch auditorium. At 10:15 on Friday morning the 2200 adjourned after hearing a sermon by Ralph W. Dockman, then Hoch was filled with the sound of moving chairs as a crowd of university workers took out a host

of chairs, and less than a half hour later the KU basketball squad was practicing on their court. When the 2200 filed back into their seats at 2:00 p.m. for Bible study briefing session, there was no evidence that a ball team had been at work on that floor just a few minutes before.

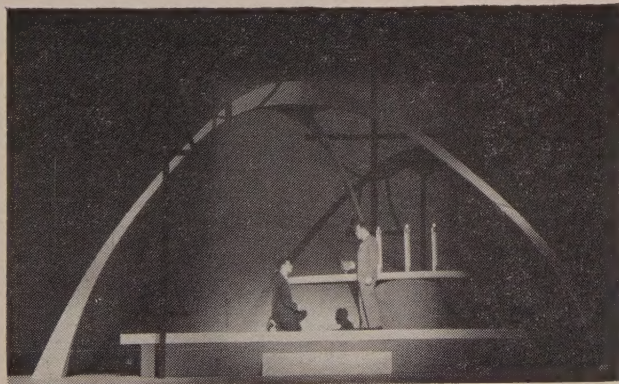
Three times a day the group assembled in Hoch auditorium for worship, drama, Bible study, and to hear prominent platform speakers. In between they divided into 143 groups for discussion, vocational guidance, fellowship and recreation.

Summary of the conference that delegates took back to their campuses may have included points like these:

- A renewed commitment to the Christian's task aptly described by President Eisenhower in his message to the conference: "In your earnest endeavor to resolve the problems of today's world by the application of timeless spiritual truths, you are strengthening the surest foundations of our Republic — which is the political expression of a deeply held religious faith."

- Concern for the individual: "Political strife, social unrest, moral disorder, cultural anarchy are only by-products of the inner struggle of modern man to find something above himself. He cannot live like a machine which only does things, he feels the need for a purpose in life," said Philippe Maury of Geneva, Switzerland, general secretary of the World's

Curtain on opening night at the Lawrence MSM conference revealed this stage setting, symbol used throughout the conference. Tom Driver (left) and Newell Davis presented the original opening drama "I, too, Must Take the Cup."



Student Christian Federation.

● "The first business of the Christian is to remember who he is, how he lives and what his life is founded on. The Christian is a person for whom God stands first . . . It is quite likely that many of us do not quite realize how close we are now to a culture-Christianity, in which church membership is one of those things which go with comfortable middle-class living like good plumbing and television," warned Albert C. Outler of Southern Methodist University.

● "The Christian corrective for the sickness of our culture must point toward the single-minded loving obedience to the living God; we must have a complete turn-around in order to place God above all worldly things and view life as service, not a mere vocation," declared Glenn Olds of Denver University.

● "Are we satisfied with the world as it is, are we satisfied with ourselves?" asked Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of New York's Christ Methodist Church. "Christ fought sin, but loved the sinner . . . More than mere interest in religion is required if our natures are to be transformed; if we are to feel the lift of it, we must give ourselves to it," he advised.

● "Art is the celebration of life," said Nels F. S. Ferre of Vanderbilt University. Art is a form of worship, he said, but he warned against substituting art for religion or letting art become a rival to religion. Art can and should serve to enrich religion.

● "Culture is a concern of the

church (and) there is a close connection between a nation's culture and its education . . . When God is left out of education civilization deteriorates," the conference was told by John O. Grose, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of Methodism's General Board of Education.

● "Economics and politics are changing conditions, but Christian education changes the patterns of culture," said Bishop Newell S. Booth of the central African mission fields. "Christian education could fail in Africa from lack of funds and personnel."

● "Follow through after college," beseeched Bishop Donald H. Tippett of San Francisco. "The church can be a greater instrument for transforming culture if it has the loyal support of college men and women both during their campus days and after graduation." Bishop Tippett appealed for dedicated followers as well as leaders.

● "If Christian teachers only meet the conditions, then God will give them the power to build a better life on the campus," said Everett Tilson of Vanderbilt University in examining the role of the Christian teacher in his relationships with God, the administration, the faculty and students.

● "The Christian students seek a special privilege for religious truth but rather seeks to bring the experience of his religion into intimate relation with the experience of laboratory and classroom," said Paul Deats of Boston University.

● "There is power in committed Christian living, and students at the

Platform coordinator Bob Hamill (left) and Bible study leader Charles Laymon talk with one of the ten students who presided at conference sessions. She is Mary Ann Meadows of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.





In front of an exhibit on theological education and the ten seminaries of the church, two key figures meet to talk business. Bishop Donald H. Tippet (left) is chairman of a General Conference commission to study the schools, and Gerald O. McCulloh is director of the Department of Theological Schools of the Board of Education. Pre-ministerial students usually gathered around the exhibit to ask questions about their future study.

Conference can be channels of God's power on their campuses and in their home communities . . . God waits to use this power," said Jameson Jones, Vanderbilt student.

Most difficult conference experience to describe was arts night. Actors from Union Morris College in Jacksonville, Tex., skilfully presented the difficult Christopher Fry play, "The Boy With the Cart," which is based on the story of Ruthman, Saint of Sussex. The play was arranged and directed by Mrs. Arch Pearson, who did drama night for the 1951 convocation at Purdue. The audience was fascinated by the production, but found it hard to understand. Then came a short and strange film on Christ in primitive art. That, too, was hard to comprehend. But when an orchestra of delegates and a mass 100-voice choir (whose only practice together had been after the conference



Carroll Glenn and Eugene List in private life are married, but on the concert stage have rightfully earned reputations as individual artists. In a joint recital with Nancy Carr, American lyric soprano, they all delighted, entertained and deeply moved the Lawrence delegates. From the opening piano notes of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" to the last encore, the audience was thrilled by the beauty of the session set aside as "great artists night."

opened) started their inspiring interpretation of great music, there was no misunderstanding. Under the leadership of Russell Ames Cook, four times quadrennial music director, the orchestra and choir brought the evening to a great height.

After an hour of fireside discussions, delegates re-assembled for the traditional Watchnight communion service, beautifully led by Bishop Matthew W. Clair of St. Louis.

Firesides, fellowship groups and Bible study groups were key parts of the total conference experience, along with unplanned groups that develop in lounges and over lunch tables. One major interest of delegates was vocations. Over half the conference took part in vocational interests groups, and counselors scheduled some 450 private interviews on vocation.

Worship each morning was distinct

and different, leading delegates into new kinds of worship experiences. One morning the worship was experimental, using contemporary materials. Another service was typically Methodist, another used the liturgy and symbolism of Lutheranism, and another was in the Quaker spirit of the disciplined use of silence.

And so it went. Talking and eating and recreating and worshipping. Praying and thinking. Meetings of all kinds at all hours of the day. Here and there a state delegation getting together to plan follow-up. Special get-togethers to question speakers about what they really meant. Regular sessions of adult counselors on what is happening in student work around world.

At times delegates were confused. Without the clear and original statements from Bob Hamill on what was happening, many delegates would have quit trying. But somehow, through it all—the low spots and the heights there came a new spirit of concern and commitment. Students saw themselves and their campuses in new perspectives. When the organ said “Amen” and the big red curtain in Hoch came down on the last session, the breathless silence was a distinct tribute to the success of the conference. “Keep on asking questions,” said Harold Ehrensperger of Boston, “but remember that you must live the answers.” When he finished the conference ended, but the spirit of the conference is clearly alive in the Methodist Student Movement.



Not all the quadrennial MSM conference took place inside Hoch auditorium. For an hour every afternoon delegates met in small groups to study Bible. One such group is pictured above, left.

After Bible study, delegates chose from many creative interest groups. Upper right is a group on the church at work in the field of temperance. Leader is Don Kuhn of the Methodist Board of Temperance staff.

Part of the tenth anniversary celebration of the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund has been the creation of

posters on the world Christian community. Some of the posters were displayed at Lawrence. Looking over the posters (lower left) are Bill Calloway of Young Harris College, L. T. Hartaway, Jr., Boston University and chairman of world Christian community is the national student commission; Jane Roll, Baldwin-Wallace College, and Susan Fanning, Winthrop College.

At lower right is the table at the international tea, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and honoring foreign students, nationals and missionaries.

Churches plan attendance drive

More than 17,000 Methodist churches across the country are taking part in a special church attendance campaign through Easter. The Lenten program is sponsored nationally by the General Board of Evangelism.

By the end of last month churches in 285 districts in 64 annual conferences had organized their campaigns. In the South Central jurisdiction 12 churches in ten states are conducting a joint crusade. The Richmond Episcopal area has planned an intensive campaign with 1,961 churches of Virginia and eastern North Carolina participating. District crusades are organized in 13 other annual conferences: Central Pennsylvania, Erie, Florida, Boston, Idaho, Iowa-Des Moines, Illinois, Northwest Indiana, North Dakota, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, West Wisconsin and Wyoming State.

"Give God a Chance Now!" is the campaign slogan. Pastors and laymen will visit the homes of inactive church members and call upon families who long to no church in a special effort to increase attendance at church schools and worship services.

Trick-or-treat supports UNICEF

Last Hallowe'en many young pranksters changed their usual tactics and did something constructive. They took the old trick-or-treat game, and instead of seeking eats for themselves, collected small coins to help the world's underprivileged children through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Preliminary reports indicate that over a million homes learned about UNICEF as a result of the country-wide Hallowe'en campaign. By the first of this month, over 1200 groups in almost as many communities in 47 states had reported to the U. S. Committee for UNICEF.

With approximately 1000 centers still to be heard from, the total collection through December amounted to \$87,000. With this sum, UNICEF can buy enough powdered milk to give almost

800,000 children a cup of milk a day for a week, or enough DDT to safeguard over 1,100,000 children against malaria, or enough vaccine to immunize about 2,000,000 against tuberculosis.

Because want is the rule rather than the exception, UNICEF is helping to fight malnutrition and disease among the children of 75 countries of Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. Encouraging self-help, UNICEF furnishes supplies, while assisted countries match UNICEF funds with an equal amount on other expenses.

Many community leaders praised the Hallowe'en campaign for its educational value among U. S. children, as well as for its value in terms of better health among the under-privileged children of the world.

Yes, Hallowe'ens are different this day and time.

Poll answers 'go-it-aloners'

A recent national public opinion poll on the United Nations has been hailed by a church leader and expert on international affairs as "the answer" to the "go-it-aloners."

Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk of the National Council of Churches maintains that the percentage favoring the U. N. would be still higher in a poll taken among the people of churches, but the fact is that a cross section of American people were 73 per cent in support of the U. N.

Some 35 per cent of those polled by Elmo Roper want a stronger U. N., 21 per cent are satisfied with the present international machinery, 11 per cent believe the U. S. should work to transform the U. N. into a federation of states with the goal of world government, and 6 per cent believe that the U. N. should be supplemented by partnership arrangements in which friendly states form democratic unions.

"In spite of the sound and fury of the opposition, the overwhelming majority of the American people remain steadfast in their loyalty to the United Nations," Dr. Van Kirk observes. He heads the National Council of Churches' Department of International Justice and Goodwill.

A friend of youth

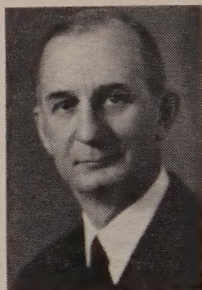
The report of the passing of Bishop Paul B. Kern has just come and it brings a sense of genuine loss to this writer. Bishop Kern will long be remembered for his more than a score of years as a distinguished member of the Council of Bishops of our church. Others will pay tribute to the many rich contributions he has made to the general life of our church and the world of Christendom. I want to call attention of today's generation of Methodist youth the debt of gratitude they owe to this longtime leader of youth in the church.

In a sense, Bishop Kern is a parent of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. It was his leadership in the Commission on Education in the southern branch of Methodism that brought about the reorganization of the educational structure of that church in 1930. Out of that reorganization came the type of youth organization which was adopted by the General Conference of 1940, following the unification of the three branches of Methodism in 1939. Bishop Kern's youthful spirit, his genius for organization, and his genuine interest in Methodist youth find their reflection in many phases of our current youth program.

I first met Bishop Kern at the Uniting Conference. But it was not until I was elected director of the Youth Department in December, 1944, that I came to know him well and to gain the deep personal affection for him that has characterized our friendship since then. It was Bishop Kern who insisted that the new director of youth work in 1944 should be under 30 years of age. (That was about my sole qualification, as I recall.) In my first day in the office at 810 Broadway, Bishop Kern came across the hall from his office into mine and welcomed me to my new work. He was chairman of our division in the Board of Education at the time. Said he, "This is your job. I don't propose to tell you how to do it, but always remember the door across the hall is open, and I'll be glad

to help in any way I can." Well, it's no secret that I availed myself of this offer many times during the years I was there. And always there was this friendly interest in youth, the insatiable desire that Methodist youth should be constantly challenged with Christ and His way.

Came the Cleveland Conference of 1947 which many of the older readers



Bishop Kern

these words attended with 11,000 other Methodist youth leaders. Bishop Kern was an active member of the directing committee, and we will ever forget the inspiring communion service he conducted for the entire conference on New Year's Eve. On several occasions

spoke of that being one of the truly high moments of his ministry.

The influence of Bishop Paul Kern will long be felt among Methodist youth. He led in setting up the first Methodist Youth Caravans. He was instrumental in bequeathing to the current generation of youth their Methodist organization. But, most of all, those who knew him, heard him speak and read his books, the rich deposit of his ministry in our lives will provide dividends of faith for years to come. For he put "Christ Above All."

—BY HOOVER RUPERT

Bishop Paul B. Kern, an eminent leader of The Methodist Church for nearly half a century, died December 16 in Nashville at the age of 71. He had been in ill health since his retirement in June, 1952. The tribute to a great leader comes from Hoover Rupert, now pastor of First Church, Jackson, Mich., for 11 years director of the Youth Department of the General Board of Education.

Emphasis grows

A meeting of tremendous importance for the MYF was held in Cincinnati on January 7 and 8 when the General Advisory Committee on the Youth Emphasis met. Bishop John Wesley Lord, chairman of the group and just back



Ewing

from a trip through Africa, presided over a meeting which included three bishops of the church, youth, pastors, district superintendents, directors of youth work, executive secretaries of conference boards of education, directors of Christian education from local churches and members of the staff of various boards of the church — 36 in all.

These folks had arranged their schedules to give two days in deliberation on ways in which the Youth Emphasis, following the general plans made by the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission, could be made effective.

As the group convened they were heartened — but challenged — with the news that for the fourth straight year the MYF was reaching fewer youth than in the previous year. The completed 1952 report indicates that the MYF lost 4,625 young persons from its ranks! At a time when the Christian fellowship could be reaching increasing numbers of youth the MYF is reaching fewer each year. Since 1948 more than 27,000 fewer youth in the MYF! Cause to be alarmed!

During the meeting Dr. J. Q. Scherer, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Christian Education indicated to the group that if the MYF is to meet its responsibility for the tremendous growth of the youth population which will occur between now and 1960, if it is to reach its share of the new and growing group of those who will enter the youth age range, it must reach

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more than 450,000 additional youth each year for the next seven years!

With these sobering facts in mind the group took action on a number of recommendations which will vitally affect the Youth

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Emphasis and the MYF:

- ★ Called upon the entire church to redouble its efforts to win youth and set a goal of 500,000 new youth in the MYF between now and 1956.
- ★ Called for a definite program to win and train additional adults to serve as teachers and counselors of youth groups — 20,000 new workers will be needed to care for the 500,000 new members of the MYF.
- ★ Called for the bishops of The Methodist Church to hold a planning meeting in each annual conference to consider its goal for reaching new youth and to plan for ways of reaching their goal.
- ★ Approved a calendar for the Youth Emphasis for 1954 to be published and available for distribution by January 15 (Write Service Department and ask for 2404-B, free).
- ★ Approved the Lenten reading project on deepening faith and received the first copies of the reading book, *I Believe* by Nevin C. Harner. (For details of Reading Project see 2400-B, free).

All who attended the meeting were certain that nothing is more important in these days than to mobilize the entire church to find the more creative and effective ways to "help all youth discover the will of God and live by it." What are you doing in your MYF to achieve this purpose?

—BY HAROLD W. EWING

The next issue of CONCERN will feature the Youth Emphasis—what is happening now and what will be happening in the months ahead. Extra copies of the issue will be available, 5 cents each from CONCERN, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2. Extra copies of CONCERN are available for most issues, but order promptly while supplies last.

"--and walk"

In Jerusalem. By the sheep gate. (Revised Standard Version, John 5: 2-9). Man sick 38 years, his puny faith focused on purported magic waters. One approaches—hale, whole, hearty, "healing in his wings." Sees the poor habit-bound fellow. But first, a surgical probe: "Do you *want* . . . ?" See Jesus' eyes flash! Hear that almost-stern note in His voice, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk."

Command. Not mere suggestion. No must-move-slowly counsel: "Suppose you stretch your legs, try to put a little weight down, now a step . . ." Not first, "Be sure you can walk, then pick up bed-roll." Rather, strange sequence: "Take up pallet, walk."

Mystifying?—Until we think. What's a pallet *for*? Rest. Drifting lazily into unconsciousness. Dreamland. Surcease from struggling with problems. Withdrawal into oblivion. To be sure, we all need a goodly amount of healthy sleep. But when over-depending or evading, Jesus' voice rings: "Grab hold of this thing you've leaned on, used as excuse for passivity. Pick it up boldly. Rise, Walk!"

It appears that the Fifth Quadrennial National Methodist Student Conference rang just such a challenge across this student generation, youth of all stages everywhere, adults, nation, world.

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Pallets? Yes, plenty of them:

—That "we're youth. Don't disturb us with cosmic problems now when we must be engrossed in getting education, having dates and such. Ring us again when older." (But problems aren't wait-able. Tomorrow never gets here. Atoms have a certain nowness).

—That this is, after all, a Christian land, and democracy. (A Chinese girl some years ago prayed on ship bound for San Francisco that she might be worthy to set foot on Christian America. Elton Trueblood: "Our mild re-

ligiosity will not only fail to support sagging civilization, it cannot long sustain itself."

—That science is to blame for making God a "gaseous vertebrate" and rendering credulity the intuitive of Biblical stories too sophisticated (I the way, read lately from Jeans, Eddington, Morris, Schroedinger, Einstein and such little . . . or incidentally from the Bible?)



Miss Bowman

—That communists are to blame for the state of the world, anyway. (Can people get noisy prattling about what they against that they can't say for what they're *for*? What, by the way, does a Methodist believe? Remember that we don't believe a thing unless we behave it. What does Methodist student work hold as its platform MYF? YOU?)

—That problems are to be left God; in His good time he'll stop war, abolish segregation, feed the hungry. (How did He bring about advances in past generations like prison reform, hospitals, public schools, freedom from slavery, even democratic ideals—through *people*? Who said, "I will be to the Eternal Goodness what his arms are to a man?")

—That world trends have reached such proportions, what can a single individual do? (Who is anybody, anyway, but an individual? Frank Buchman: "If a single man achieves the highest kind of love it will neutralize the hate of millions." Nicholas Berdyaev: "A personality emits . . . rays which are diffused through the world." Raymond Gram Swing, *the Name of Sanity*, "If and when enough Americans are in favor of abolishing war, they can launch the

in a moral leadership of the
That "best go slow" — get over
agitation and war gradually. (Sch-
er who, perhaps more than any
alive today, has *earned* the right
y this: "Truth has no special time
s own. Its hour is *now*—always,
indeed then more truly when it
s most unsuitable to actual cir-
stances.")

That these challenges from great
erences *are* thrilling, yes . . . but
well, wait until next week to get

steamed up about *doing* anything . . .
this week's already so full . . . (There
is no answer to that one, save as you
answer . . .)

PAUSE FOR GOD

The voice again! "Rise. Take up
your pallet. Walk." Terrible turning.
Pain of long unused joints coming to
life again. This way, the Light. Now,
commitment to the unfulfilled . . . all
the hidden longing of the multitudes
for brotherhood and peace waiting to
be set in motion . . . God's new Fellow-
ship of the Unashamed!

—BY CLARICE M. BOWMAN

Linking out the news

The drama of Ike

the drama of Ike is being put before
public these days by columnists and
rters.

ere's what they are telling us:

The New Deal is far from dead:
"Welfare State," as it has been
called by the critics
of FDR and Tru-
man, is no dodo.

2. The wing of the
Republican party
which has tried to
take the nation de-
cisively away from
these ideas is not a
vote-getting wing.

3. Ike is still pop-
ular with the voters,
but the idea of a big-
business dominated
nistration is not popular.

Eisenhower is now listening more
e "New Dealish" elements in the
blican party and attempting to
n the ties which bind him to the
Business wing.

He will run into difficulties if he
eds in loosening these ties. That
e will appear to be more "Demo-
c" than "Republican," and he
meet stern opposition in his party,
aps even to the point of an effort
rm a third, Conservative Party.

He will run into difficulties, also,
does *not* succeed in loosening his
with the most conservative, big-
ness minded Republicans. Then, he

will have to soft-pedal some of the
things which the voters have come to
expect from government.

In other words, Ike's popularity has
been made up of a strange mixture:
(a) his personal appeal, (b) the search
for another "Great Father" like FDR,
(c) disgust with corruption in govern-
ment, (d) fear of communism or trea-
son in government, (e) desire for a
return to Big Business domination, and
(f) expectation of continued govern-
ment paternalism. Other factors have

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been fear of the mount-
ing national debt and
need for a "strong
man" in international

relations.

Ike is still where he was before his
election: namely, in the position of a
man supported for contradictory rea-
sons. At some time, he will have to
make his aims clear enough to lose a
lot of his present support.

—BY CLAUD NELSON, JR.

Nelson



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for January, February, March
is now available. Order copies
at 10 cents each from POWER,
P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

Churches to observe race relations day

Another annual observance of the churches is almost here and again American Christians will mark February as brotherhood month and February 14 as race relations Sunday. Theme this year: "For . . . Healing of the Nations."

A packet of materials for the observance has been prepared by the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches. The packet includes the annual message from the National Council, a general worship service, programs for children, youth and adult groups, and a set of information for speakers.

Complete packet is 15 cents, and items may be ordered in quantity at \$4 a hundred for the message and speakers' material, \$3 a hundred for programs and worship service. Order materials from Department of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd St., New York 10.

Another booklet for April meetings

This year youth of all denominations are studying the church's work with Spanish-speaking Americans (11 December CONCERN), and evening meetings for seniors in the MYF will center on this theme in April.

A new booklet in pictures and stories tells about the schools, community centers, nurseries and hospitals that the Woman's Division of Christian Service maintains for Spanish-speaking Americans.

Order *Spanish-Speaking Americans in the USA* at 50 cents a copy from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

Paperbound books reach new fields

The quarter paperbound books have reached tremendous heights in popularity, with drugstores and newsstands offering more and more titles to the general public.

Latest development to boost quality of the books is an announcement by the New American Library of World Liter-

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ature that it will launch next week a new imprint, Signet Key Books, volumes of non-fiction by capital writers.

First Signet Key title is *Gandhi: Life and Message for the World*, study of the great leader of our time by the noted writer Louis Fischer.

Signet Key books will sell for 50 cents each. Other titles will be published at the rate of two a month.

New American Library published last month reprints of two books that should be welcomed by students. One is *The Shaping of the Modern Mind* by Harvard professor Crane Brinton. The other is *Greek Civilization and Character* by Arnold J. Toynbee. The mentor books are available at 35 cents each at newsstands and bookstores.

It takes all kinds - -



FAULT-FINDER looks fierce, he's really frightened! Has many weaknesses and is so afraid that someone will notice that he spends all his time picking out faults in others! Has never read "You hypocrite, first take the speck out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

Fers continue ced the hungry

hasn't been long since the city of
Korea, burned all night and
Blocks and blocks burned and
ne drums burst like dynamite.
y winds carried cinders to the hills
d Pusan, where thousands of
ees were living. The main chapel,
giving to U. N. soldiers, and three
rphanages completely burned.
Unfortunately, a storehouse containing
ases of Multi-Purpose Food was
d. Relief workers reached the food
ly, prepared large batches, and
d meals to families and children
ut homes. Still in Pusan and in
critical areas of the world, Multi-
ose Food is feeding the hungry.
aying the bill for some of the food
Methodist youth groups across the
ry. Example: the Southside sub-
ct in Arizona held a Meals for
ons supper at Gilbert with 220
e attending. Received for the din-
\$167.38. Expenses: \$11.01, mak-
t possible to send 5211 "Meals for
ons" to Korea. After the supper,
church represented gave a skit on
tarian outreach.

istrict holds reach clinic

st month youth from the Lynn,
., district gather for a Lynn Link
e, held at Rolling Ridge Metho-
conference center at North An-
r.
was something new in the line

onald Holt places
MYFund contribu-
on board the Meth-
Youth Fellow-
at the Lynn Link
nic (see story).
tching are Rev.
V. Rayburn, River-
pastor; and Mrs.
ph Stevenson, Mrs.
h York, and Mrs.
hard Harding,
CS youth secre-
es on local, district
conference levels.

MYF in action

of conferences as this clinic sought to
bring together both the youth and
adults in one area of concern, that
of Christian outreach. Plan of the
clinic was to emphasize each field of
concern within the area using informal
drama, movies, filmstrips and discus-
sion groups. The group worked on the
Methodist Youth Fund, the United Na-
tions, world fellowship party ideas, and
the overall program of the MYF.

Major accomplishment was creating
a new understanding of ways the MYF
and Woman's Society of Christian Ser-
vice work together. Some 17 churches
were represented by youth, local secre-
taries of youth work of the WSCS, by
ministers and other adult leaders.

Takes work to go camping in Fiji

A little late but still great is the
report on the second youth camp held
at Davuilevu in Fiji—and what Ameri-
can youth call travel troubles are
nothing compared with what the Fijian
youth undergo in order to reach their
camp.

In 1952 some 300 youth attended
the first camp in the South Pacific
islands, but this year 700 attended.
Because of difficulties in traveling
from the smaller islands to the main-
land, some youth left their homes a
month earlier in order to reach the



camp. Some youth in the interior of the main island had to take their luggage and food supplies ten miles to the bank of the river where they had rafts made of bamboo, then floated for four days down to the camp.

Methodist Youth Director Tuilovoni writes: "You can see the difficulty in transportation but the young people put up with the hazards of traveling in order to be at the camp." He points out that since a camp is a new thing for Fiji, delegates are finding all kinds of people interested in it. The camp was advertised in the paper and broadcast over radio.

Current project in Fiji is building a director's house. Study guides are being distributed among youth in Fiji as a project of the America's Methodist Youth Fund.

Fiji has a population of 130,000 Fijians plus 130,000 Indians and Europeans. All the natives consider themselves Christians, and about 90 per cent of them are Methodists

Local MYF sends cross to Japan

A 9x16 inch myrtlewood cross made by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson, owners of a gift shop, was sent to a Methodist youth counselor in Japan by the senior MYF of First church in Coos Bay, Ore.

Mitunobu Kitamura of Kobe, Japan visited the Coos Bay church on a visit to America last spring. His deep admiration for a cross in the church sanctuary prompted the congregation to send his church one like it. And the MYF set out to get a cross for the MYF of the Japanese church.

The MYF had a candy sale project to earn money to buy a cross. The Thompsons made the cross, sold it to the MYF, then gave the purchase price to the church for its building fund.

Ecumenical camps call youth for '54

Ecumenical Work Camp program for 1954 indicates that Methodist youth and students can join youth of many churches in some of the 34 camps to be held in 19 countries.

Sponsored by the World Council of Churches Youth Department, every



Two Savannah, Mo., MYFers, Jan Zahnd and Johnny Uelligger, offer coffee and home-made cookies to Al Lewis, a patient at the army hospital and home in Wadsworth, Kans. For the fourth year the Savannah MYF drives the 65 miles to Wadsworth to serve coffee hour at the hospital. This year the group took 50 dozen cookies, 10 pounds of coffee and five pints of cream to share with the men. Two youth made the trip.

work camp ministers to a particular need. Camps offer opportunities in life of service, a common life with other young people in work, worship, study and play, and participation in the life and work of the world-wide Christian church.

The 1954 program includes camps in European countries, India, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Malaya, Philippines, Thailand and the USA. Most of the camps come in July and August.

Requirements for work campers are high. They must be 18 years old and have personal qualities required for such work. Participants must pay for their own expenses for the summer. The USA will have about six camps this summer.

Inquiries about the program should be made to Ecumenical Work Camps, 110 East 29th St., New York 16.

Students called to park ministry

Opportunities unlimited are open for college and seminary students who give a summer to work in a Christ-ministry in one of the 17 national centers of the U. S.

Student ministers lead regular services of worship, Bible study groups, mission groups, retreats, camps, various Bible schools, choirs, athletic events and hiking. Leadership in this ministry is volunteer in "off-time." The work for the students is in park sessions. Men serve as cabin boys, waiters, men, desk clerks, commissary clerks, and so on. Women may be waitresses, maids, desk clerks, cashiers, and other girls, etc.

Pay for the summer is not less than \$200, plus board and room. Students must provide their own transportation to the center. Last year (30 October Conference) 69 students worked in eleven centers. Applications and inquiries should be sent to Warren W. Ost, Director, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10. Deadline on applications is March 1.

Land upon waters Returns back again

More than 80 years ago, a young Confederate veteran dedicated \$2 to Christian education. Today deserving ministerial students will be trained for active service in a church college because his vision became a desire in a younger's heart—and his dream has become a reality at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Tex.

Last week Methodists of North Indiana began raising funds for this proposed Wesley Foundation building at Ball State College in Muncie. Estimated cost: \$100,000. Ball State has 10,000 students, and 950 Methodist churches. Methodist preference. That number 711 are in churches in the North Indiana Conference.

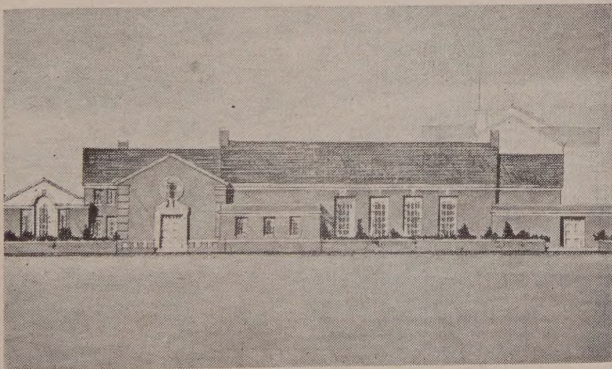
MSM in action

The \$2 was invested in a project to transplant old Soule University to Georgetown, and to establish it as Southwestern University in that central Texas community. Inspired by her father's belief in the ideals of Southwestern and his own concern for students, Leila Weaver of Teague, Tex., this New Year's Day established a ministerial student scholarship in memory of her brother, who died in 1901. Miss Weaver graduated from Southwestern in 1895, and now at 79 looks back on 30 years of teaching service.

Her father had joined the military cause of the South when he was 16 and celebrated his 17th birthday during the decisive battle at Chickamauga. After the war, he marched back to Texas and settled. In 1872, an agent approached him about funds to move Soule University to Georgetown, and veteran A. Weaver handed the agent \$2, with a promise that someday he would send his children to be educated there.

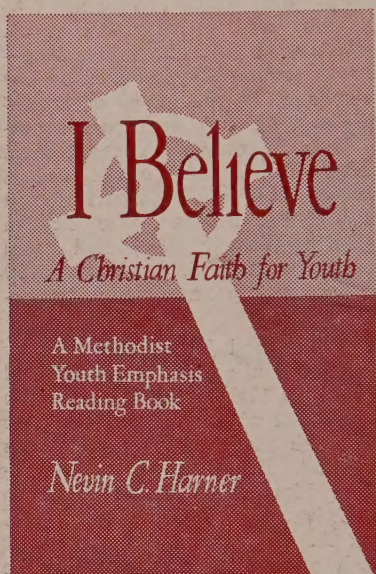
Weaver kept that promise. Leila and Walter graduated from Southwestern in 1895. Almost 60 years later, as Miss Leila sells her father's land holdings, she is using the money to train dedicated Methodist students.

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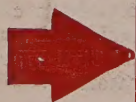
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